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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016. Thank youl













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The draft cleanup plan for the Willamette River Superfund Site is inadequate. The following should be addressed as well, to restore this important stretch of the river to a healthier more natural state:

- 1. The draft cleanup plan leaves far too much of the river contaminated for generations to come. We recommend that at least 1,000 acres of polluted sediment be removed from the river.
- 2. The draft cleanup plan relies too much on "monitored natural recovery," a "do nothing" strategy that leaves pollution in the river in the hopes that it will either be covered over or flushed downstream.
- 3. The Cleanup Plan must result in the removal of the Fish Consumption Advisory so that eating fish from the Lower Willamette is just as safe as eating fish from anywhere else in the Willamette River System and this must occur within a 10-20 year time frame.
- 4. Creating a toxic waste disposal dump in our river is not acceptable—toxic dredged sediments must be taken to an appropriate landfill.
- 5. Entities with liability for the pollution must be held accountable and pay for a comprehensive cleanup that will protect the health of our communities, our environment and our wildlife.

Please modify the plan accordingly, for future generations.

Sincerely,

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